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SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING UN SESSIONS AND ARAB MOVE TO  
SUSPEND ISRAEL

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1. DURING MY MEETING WITH GOTT PRIME MINISTER DR. ERIC WILLIAMS JULY 29 (REF C), THE CONVERSATION TURNED TO THE FORTHCOMING SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA AND 30TH REGULAR SESSION. I REFERENCED TO THE SECRETARY'S RECENT MILWAUKEE SPEECH AS AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT OF US VIEWS AND GAVE COPY OF FULL TEXT TO PM.

2. DR. LILLIAMS LAUNCHED RATHER EXPLOSIVELY INTO QUESTION OF POSSIBLE ISRAELI SUSPENSION AT ARAB INITIATIVE. HE FELT THIS ISSUE COULD SERIOUSLY UNDERMINE EFFECTIVENESS OF SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. WHEN I SOUGHT ASSURANCES THAT THE GOTT WOULD NOT SUPPORT SUCH A SUSPENSION, HE FORMALLY RESERVED HIS OPTIONS BY STATING THAT IT WOULD BE A MATTER FOR THE CABINET TO DECIDE. WITHOUT PAUSING FOR BREATH,  
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HOWEVER, HE ADDED VEHEMENTLY THAT HE WAS "TOTALLY AND

COMPLETELY OPPOSED" TO THE MOVE TO SUSPEND ISRAEL. DR. WILLIAMS SAID THAT HE DID NOT SEE HOW THE GOTT COULD BE A STRONG ADVOCATE OF HEMISPHERE MEMBERSHIP UNIVERSALITY WITHIN THE OAS AND ENDORSE A MOVE TOWARD SELECTIVE EXCLUSION IN THE UN. HE FELT THE TACTIC WAS UNWISE AND DANGEROUS.

3. DESPITE HIS STRONG STAND AGAINST THE ARAB MOVE, HE WAS ALSO OBVIOUSLY VERY TROUBLED BY IT AND PREDICTED THAT IT WOULD HAVE MAJOR AFRICAN SUPPORT WHICH WOULD BRING PRESSURE ON THE ENTIRE NON-ALIGNED GROUP. HE FELT THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE LOOMING UN DONNYBROOK LAY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND HE SEEMED TO HOPE THAT SOME STRONGER GESTURE BY THE WEST TO SUPPORT AFRICAN CONCERNS ABOUT RHODESIA, NAMIBIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA MIGHT DEFUSE THE DANGEROUS COALITION BUILDING ON THE ISRAELI SUSPENSION ISSUE.

4. HE ALSO REVEALED THAT UK PRIME MINISTER HAROLD WILSON HAD RAISED THE FORTHCOMING UN SESSIONS AND THE ISRAELI ISSUE WITH HIM TEN DAYS AGO WHEN WILLIAMS WAS IN LONDON. WILSON HAD INFORMED HIM THAT THE EEC COUNTRIES WERE UNSNIMOUS IN OPPOSING ANY SUSPENSION MOVE.

5. IN FOLLOW-UP CALL ON EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PERMANENT SECRETARY ABDULAH JULY 30, I LEFT COPY OF AIDE MEMOIRE STATING US LEGAL ANALYSIS OF UNGA MOVES TO SUSPEND ISRAEL (REF B).

6. CONCLUSION: WILLIAMS' PERSONAL AND VERY VEHEMENT OBJECTION TO THE SUSPENSION MOVE WOULD NORMALLY BE ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE OF HOW THE GOTT WILL VOTE ON THIS ISSUE AT THE UN, SINCE THE CABINET WILL NATURALLY RATIFY HIS DECISION. HOWEVER, I DID DETECT THE TROUBLING COUNTER-PULL OF THE STRONG DESIRE TO MAINTAIN NON-ALIGNED SOLIDARITY, AND THE SOLIDARITY CALL WILL BE A TOUGH ONE IF SOME FACE-SAVING GESTURE ON AFRICAN PROBLEMS IS NOT FORTHCOMING TO MAKE IT EASIRE FOR MODERATE STATES SUCH AS TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO TO VOTE THEIR CONSCIENCE. MY OWN ESTIMATE AT THIS TIME IS THAT TRINIDAD WILL MAKE STRONG EFFORTS WITHIN THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP TO HAVE THIS CUP PASSED FROM IN FRONT OF THEIR LIPS, BUT IF IN THE FINAL

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ANALYSIS THE ISSUE IS NOT COMPROMISED AND NON-ALIGNED SOLIDARITY IS INVOKED, THEY MAY VOTE FOR SOLIDARITY. GOTT COULD NEVERTHELESS BE A USEFUL ALLY IN ANY USUN EFFORTS TOWARD ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS. IN ANY DISCUSSIONS, HOLEVER, PRIME MINISTER'S CONVERSATION SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ALLUDED TO.  
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